

MEETING OF THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS
1 December, 1972

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CONVENE, 708 Jackson Place, N.W., Washington, D.C.

ADMINISTRATION

1. Dates of Next Meetings: 17 January, 1973
21 February, 1973
2. Approval of Minutes of October 1972 Meeting.
3. President's Approval of Fiscal 1974 Budget.
4. Illumination of Jefferson and Lincoln Memorials and other Federal Buildings - Status.
5. Proposed Additions to Registered Landmarks on Georgetown Waterfront.
6. D.C. Pavement Marking Program - Status.

SUBMISSIONS-REVIEWS

1. D.C. Government, Department of Economic Development

Old Georgetown Act

- a. O.G. 73-65, 3050 K St., N.W. - Inland Steel, Proposed Office and Commercial Development - Additional Information.
- b. Appendix 1.

Shipstead-Luce Act

- a. S.L. 73-26, 1414 22nd St., N.W. - New Office Building; Final Design (Preliminary Design previously approved).
- b. Appendix 2.

2. D.C. Government, Department of General Services

- a. Takoma Elementary School, Broad Branch & Highland Rds., N.W. - Preliminary Design.
- b. Recreation Center for Mentally Handicapped, Croissant Place and G St., S.E. - Preliminary Design.

- c. Parkview Recreation Center, Warder St. & Princeton Place, N.W. - Preliminary Design.
 - d. Office of the D.C. Medical Examiner (Morgue), D.C. General Hospital Grounds - Preliminary Design.
 - e. D.C. Jail - Landscape Plans.
3. Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers
- a. Enlisted Men's Barracks and Open Mess, Walter Reed Army Medical Center - Preliminary Design.
 - b. Arlington Cemetery, Administration Building - Revised Design and Site Plan.
 - c. Arlington Cemetery, Proposed Memorial to Audie Murphy.
4. Department of the Navy, Naval Facilities Engineering Command
- Air Force Housing, Anacostia-Bolling Field - Preliminary Design.
5. D.C. Redevelopment Land Agency
- Southwest Redevelopment, 3rd & 4th & E Sts., S.W. - Wax Museum, Revised Design.
6. Department of the Treasury, Bureau of the Mint
- Commemorative Medal - "175th Anniversary of the Launching of the U.S. Frigate Constellation".

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- 11:30 2. D.C. Government, Department of General Services
- Takoma Elementary School
- Recreation Center for Mentally Handicapped
- Parkview Recreation Center
- Office of the D.C. Medical Examiner (Morgue)
- D.C. Jail Landscaping

- 12:15 3. Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers
Enlisted Men's Barracks and Open Mess, Walter Reed
Arlington Cemetery, Administration Building
Arlington Cemetery, Audie Murphy Memorial
- 12:30 4. Department of the Navy, Naval Facilities Engineering Command
Anacostia-Bolling Air Force Housing

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS
1 December, 1972

Meeting convened at 9:00 a.m. at the Commission of Fine Arts Offices at 708 Jackson Place, N.W., Washington, D.C.

Members Present: Hon. J. Carter Brown, Chairman
Hon. Nicolas Arroyo
Hon. Jane Dart
Hon. Kevin Roche
Hon. Chloethiel Woodard Smith
Hon. Edward D. Stone, Jr.
Hon. George Weymouth

Staff Present: Mr. Charles H. Atherton, Secretary
Mr. Donald B. Myer, Assistant Secretary
Mr. Jeffrey Carson
Mr. J.L. Sibley Jennings, Jr.
Mrs. Nancy Lusher
Miss Lynda Smith

National Capital Planning
Commission Staff Present: Mr. David McKinnon

I. ADMINISTRATION

a. Dates of Next Meetings were agreed to as 17 January and 21 February, 1973.

b. Minutes of the October, 1972, Meeting were approved.

c. The Secretary reported that the President had approved most of the funds and programs requested by the Commission for fiscal year 1974. The new total of \$142,000 included additional funds for printing and a new position. This position has been filled by Mrs. Nancy Lusher, who works for the Commission part time and is a student at George Washington University. The Chairman welcomed Mrs. Lusher on behalf of the Commission.

d. Illumination of Jefferson and Lincoln Memorials and other Government Buildings was presented by the Secretary as a problem of increasing proportions. He stated that the Jefferson Lighting was incomplete with the base the primary illuminated area, and that was green and white light giving a highly undesirable appearance. The Lincoln Memorial lighting was still too bright on the attic and that tended to be blotchy. The Secretary also pointed out that the Civil Service Building was now one of the most brightly illuminated buildings in Washington and that the effect was unfortunate and unnecessary - it had never been submitted to the Commission for advice. The Commission suggested that a sub-committee tour of the lighting in the evening would be very desirable. The Chairman suggested

that the Commission take the initiative in coordinating the various agencies responsible for the lighting of Washington, and get everyone together with a White House representative for a status report on last year's efforts.

e. Proposed additions to the District of Columbia Landmarks List were discussed by the Assistant Secretary. He pointed out that it would be desirable to coordinate the Commission's past research with other lists, elevating worthy buildings and spaces to landmark status and some to the National Register. This would be done with the Commission's staff, the staff of the National Capital Planning Commission, and a subcommittee of the Joint Committee on Landmarks. The Commission concurred with this effort.

f. The Secretary reported on the status of D.C. Street Marking. He told that traditionally the street stripes had been painted white as recommended by the D.C. Highway Department and the Commission of Fine Arts. The District Government now found itself denied Federal funds unless it changed its markings to yellow. The Secretary suggested a position against yellow markings throughout the District of Columbia rather than just in the Monumental Core. The Chairman suggested that Washington really should be a model for this type of control and that it was better to retain the white stripes in the Monumental Core than not at all. The Commission took the position that recommending white markings for the entire city would be desirable but that white street markings in the Monumental Core were mandatory. They authorized the Secretary to represent the Commission of Fine Arts at meetings with the highway and safety departments.

g. Howard University Dental School Addition. The Secretary presented drawings for a two-floor addition to the existing Dental School. He said the project had been a last minute submission and was of such an unfortunate design that it would be best to handle the submission as an administrative matter. The proposal included a new facade treatment for a pair of upper floors which would cantilever two feet out over the existing building. The Commission agreed to return the submission to the General Services Administration with recommendations to restudy the facade in terms of matching the existing building.

III. SUBMISSIONS AND REVIEWS

a. D.C. Government, Department of Economic Development

Old Georgetown Act

1. O.G. 73-65, 3050 K Street, N.W. - Inland Steel, Proposed Office and Commercial Complex - Additional Information. The Secretary told the Commission that the project promoters would make a slide presentation later in the morning furnishing information on adjacent development and plans requested by the Commission in October, 1972. The Commission agreed that they would not respond with a formal action until they had had an opportunity to review the Georgetown Planning Group's Georgetown Waterfront Area Study, Phase I.

2. Appendix 1, Approved.

Exhibit A.

3. The attention of the Commission was drawn to a structure in the 3000 block of M Street, N.W., consisting of red steel hydraulic ramps; the apparatus was considered machinery, not a structure, by the D.C. Government, and permitted to remain without Fine Arts Commission review. The Commission suggested a letter be sent to the D.C. Government recommending that in future this loophole be closed.

Exhibit B.

Shipstead-Luce Act

1. S.L. 73-26, 1414 22nd Street, N.W. - New Office Building - Final Design (Preliminary Design previously approved). The Secretary showed the Commission drawings for a simple commercial office building to be located on the perimeter of Rock Creek Park across the P Street Bridge from Georgetown and within a few blocks of several other office buildings approved for the rim of the park at Pennsylvania Avenue and M Street, N.W. He indicated that the site was presently a parking lot and was next to a small limestone gas station - all owned by Gulf Oil. The proposition was unclear from the drawings as to the exact, immediate disposition of the gas station. The Commission had no objection to the building design, but felt that they should have clarification on the entire site, the fate of the gas station and the potential for incorporating a gas station within an office building. The Commission found the existing structure to be an unusually sympathetic limestone neo-Georgian structure, designed to harmonize with the church across the street. It was recommended that the possibility of the preservation of the existing station be explored with the Gulf Oil Corporation. The case would be held pending receipt of further information.

2. Appendix 2, Approved.

Exhibit C.

b. D.C. Government, Department of General Services

1. Takoma Elementary School, Broad Branch and Highland Roads, N.W. - Preliminary Design. The Assistant Secretary presented drawings for the three-floor, free standing school with brick walls, some bright colored enamel panels and areas of standing seam metal roof. The interior of the building had large open learning areas reached by "front porches" and was broken down into "houses" to give the children a sense of identity. The Commission approved the design with the suggestion that the staff follow up on some simplification of exterior details. The action was given to project representatives later in the day.

2. Recreation Center for Mentally Handicapped, Croissant Place and G Street, S.E. - Preliminary Design. The Secretary presented drawings and a model of this split-faced concrete block one-floor building with a wood shake roof. He pointed out the covered entrance passage and various well designed features. The Commission approved the design, but withheld final action until a conference with the project representatives later in the day.

3. Parkview Recreation Center, Warder and Princeton Place, N.W. - Preliminary Design. The Assistant Secretary presented drawings for this split-faced concrete block, sloping roofed, one-floor recreation building to go on an existing playground. The building had a trapezoidal courtyard to the rear and some diagonal partitions. The Commission felt that the design was superficial and would not function because of cut up spaces. They withheld further discussion until a conference with the architect later in the day.

4. Office of the D.C. Medical Examiner (Morgue), D.C. General Hospital Grounds - Preliminary Design. The Secretary presented drawings and a perspective view of this two-and-a-half-floor rectangular storage, office and laboratory facility. He pointed out the motel-like appearance of the structure with its lack of dignity as being in no way related to the existing, nor proposed, site plans for this important and visible District Government Complex. The Commission agreed that the building's proposed character was unsuitable and that a master plan should be prepared for this area. Further discussion was withheld until a meeting with project representatives later in the day.

5. D.C. Jail - Landscape Plans. The Secretary presented drawings and a model for landscaping of the Jail which had been approved at the October meeting. The plan showed reinforcement of street trees, but failed to show resolution of the actual wall, or retaining wall, separating the public from the building. Though the Commission did not object to the plans shown, they found them incomplete. Further discussion was withheld until a conference with the architect later in the day.

c. Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

1. Enlisted Men's Barracks and Open Mess, Walter Reed Army Medical Center - Preliminary Design. The Assistant Secretary presented drawings and a model to the Commission for this multiple floored complex integrating indoor parking, men's and women's barracks, and a service club. The brick exterior was broken up into units surrounding several courtyards. A series of split-gable roofs provided access and screening for mechanical equipment. The Commission did not object to the location of this facility within the campus, but found the design awkward with respect to areas of very long free-standing columns, the service entrance, the triangular service club, and relation to the slope of the site. Further discussion was withheld until later in the day.

2. Arlington Cemetery, Administration Building - Revised Design and Site Plan. The Assistant Secretary presented drawings showing revisions to the facade and site which accommodated the Commission's previous suggestions. Flat panels under the windows and elimination of flanking parking were the primary changes. The Assistant Secretary explained that the Army had detached the design solution for funeral staging areas from the building design, but would be bringing in their further site developments as they were developed. The Commission generally approved the modifications, but withheld comment until later in the day.

3. Arlington Cemetery, Proposed Memorial to Audie Murphy. The Secretary told the Commission of the Army's desire for a preliminary reaction to erecting a monument to Audie Murphy next to his grave. The proposal consisted of a flagstone walk and small domed monument with a poem and inscription of medals presented to Murphy. The Commission stated its continued objection to monuments to individuals in the Cemetery. Mrs. Dart Suggested that such a memorial could be put inside the nearby trophy room, to which the Commission agreed. The Commission was scheduled to meet with the Army's representatives later in the day.

d. Department of the Navy, Naval Facilities Engineering Command

Air Force Housing, Anacostia-Bolling Field - Preliminary Design. The Assistant Secretary presented a series of drawings showing a range of family housing types. The two-floor structures were mostly row type houses with individual car parts. He pointed out the variations in the brick and frame dwellings and that they did not vary considerably from the approved master plan. There were some larger questions, including the exact disposition of the Post. There was some possibility that part of it would be turned over to the District Government for civilian housing. A study was also being prepared on the desirability of providing low density housing in an urban area rather than distributing military personnel out in the local community. The Commission reacted adversely to the design of the units as well as to the site plan and the lack of an adequate master plan. Further discussion was withheld until a conference with the Navy later in the day.

e. D.C. Redevelopment Land Agency

Southwest Redevelopment, 3rd and 4th and E Streets, S.W. - Wax Museum, revised Design. The Secretary showed revised elevation drawings to the Commission which accommodated the Commission's October comments. A great deal more of the garage had been sheathed with the existing 19th century retaining wall than originally proposed. The Commission approved the revised design.

f. Department of the Treasury, Bureau of the Mint

Commemorative Medal - "175th Anniversary of the Launching of the U.S. Frigate Constellation". The Assistant Secretary showed the Commission drawings of the medal showing an eagle on one side and the Constellation on the other. He read a letter to the Chairman from the Director of the Mint, Mary Brooks, indicating that the medal would be struck on December 7th, that she was sorry for the short notice and valued the Commission's assistance to the Mint. The Commission felt that the eagle side of the medal should be restudied, but that the ship image was acceptable. A letter would be sent to that effect, and objecting to the inexcusably short notice.

Exhibit D.

III. INTERVIEWS

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a. D.C. Government, Department of Economic Development

O.G. 73-32 - Inland Steel, Proposed Office and Commercial Complex, 3050 K Street, N.W. 11:30. The Project was represented during this information session by the Architects - Arthur Cotton Moore, John Yanik; the Landscape Architect - Hideo Sasaki; the Developer - Robert Larson. Also present were Captain Belin and Mr. Chapman of the Citizens Association of Georgetown. The Chairman welcomed Mr. Moore to the meeting and instructed him to proceed with his presentation. Mr. Moore showed a series of slides which explained the timing of present plans and reviews for the Georgetown Waterfront and the Freeway across it. He also described Inland Steel's scheme for commercial development running from the C. & O. Canal down to the Potomac River between 30th and 31st Streets, N.W. The Chairman thanked Mr. Moore for his presentation indicating that the Commission's review of the Inland Steel proposals would be scheduled no later than the February meeting of the Commission. Exhibit E.

b. D.C. Government, Department of General Services

1. Takoma Elementary School, Broad Branch and Highland Roads, N.W. - preliminary design. The Project was represented by Charles Pavlick of the District Department of General Services and architects Thomas Wright and John Wiebenson. The Chairman conveyed the Commission's approval to the architects. Exhibit F.

2. Recreation Center for the Mentally Handicapped, Croissant Place and G Street, S.E. - preliminary design. The project was represented by Charles Pavlick of the District Department of General Services and the architect, Kent Cooper. The Chairman conveyed the Commission's approval to the architect, adding that this was one of the best pieces of design presented by the District Government in some time. Exhibit F.

3. Parkview Recreation Center, Warder Street and Princeton Place, N.W. - preliminary design. The project was represented by Charles Pavlick of the District Department of General Services and the architect Mr. Ridley of the firm, October. The Chairman and Members asked some general questions about the functions of the building and reasons for the unusual interior room shapes. Mr. Roche indicated the Commission's dissatisfaction with the cut up interior spaces. The Chairman reported the Commission's disapproval of the project. Exhibit F.

4. Office of the Medical Examiner (Morgue), D.C. General Hospital Grounds - preliminary design. The project was represented by Charles Pavlick of the District Department of General Services and the architect, Moffat Adams. The Medical Examiner was also present. The Chairman indicated the Commission's disapproval of the building, citing the following comments: the overall exterior was overly complicated; the relation of the three floors to grade was awkward; the entrance and lobby facilities were not suitably dignified; the choice of materials was unsuitable; the facility was not planned in relation to adjacent facilities either existing or future; and that a master plan for the Exhibit G.

development and landscaping of the entire complex was mandatory. The architect indicated that he would restudy the project in line with the Commission's wishes. The Commission further suggested that the architect get together with some of the other designers for facilities on the D.C. General Grounds to coordinate plans.

5. D.C. Jail, D.C. General Hospital Grounds - landscape plans. The project was represented by Charles Pavlick of the District Department of General Services and the architect Leon Brown. The Chairman indicated to Mr. Leon Brown that the Commission had no specific objections to his landscape plan, but felt that it should be coordinated with other plans on the Hospital Grounds. Mr. Brown indicated his willingness to cooperate on coordinating his planning to that of adjacent projects. Exhibit G.

c. Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

1. Enlisted Men's Barracks and Open Mess, Walter Reed Army Medical Center - preliminary design. This project was represented by Mr. Mahan of the Baltimore District Engineers Office, U.S. Army, and architect Walter Brown of L.,B.,C. & W. Associates. The Chairman told Mr. Walter Brown of the Commission's disapproval of this project. The Commission's suggestions for restudying the project included elimination of long spine-like columns, elimination of the triangular shaped mess facility, relocation of the service drive, facade simplification and a closer harmony to the hill site. Mr. Walter Brown and Mr. Mahan agreed to a restudy. Exhibit H.

2. Arlington Cemetery, Administration Building - revised design. The project was represented by Mr. Beller of the Army and Mr. Loren Sage of Mills & Petticord, Architects. The Chairman gave Mr. Sage the Commission's approval of the modified design for the building and asked how the previously discussed problem of funeral staging would be handled. Mr. Beller answered that the Army would have this matter under study for a while and would return to the Commission when a design had been developed. Exhibit I.

3. Arlington Cemetery, Audie Murphy Memorial - proposed design. The project was represented by Mr. Beller of the Army. The Chairman related to Mr. Beller that the Commission in the past had taken a stand against monuments to individuals and they would continue to feel that way. For this reason the Commission would not even comment on the proposed design. Mr. Beller indicated that the Army would study alternate means for memorializing Mr. Murphy. Exhibit J.

d. Department of the Navy, Naval Facilities Engineering Command

Anacostia-Bolling Air Force Housing - preliminary design. The project was represented by Cdr. Boothe and Mr. Lose of the Navy and Robert A. Little, the architect. The Chairman asked Mr. Little for a brief explanation of the basic housing concept after which Mr. Stone suggested thought be given to reorienting the waterfront housing in the project toward, rather than away from, the housing. Mrs. Smith suggested that the

housing design and clustering arrangements could be more refined, while the consensus of the Commission was that the project was unacceptable, particularly in the light of not conforming to an approved master plan for the base. In concluding their disapproval, the Commission suggested that a renewed emphasis be given by the Department of Defense to more imaginative good design for this type housing. Perhaps the regulations were obsolete or restrictive and should be reexamined.

The Chairman adjourned the Meeting at 2:00 p.m., with the members agreeing to join a program sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts for the rest of the day.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'C. H. Atherton', with a stylized, flowing script.

Charles H. Atherton
Secretary

MINUTES OF THE EVENING MEETING OF THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS
1 December, 1972

TOUR OF NIGHT ILLUMINATION

Members Present:

Hon. Nicloas Arroyo
Hon. Jane Dart
Hon. Chloethiel Woodard Smith
Hon. George Weymouth

Staff Present:

Mr. Charles H. Atherton, Secretary
Mr. Donald B. Myer, Assistant Secretary

Leaving the National Academy of Sciences Building at 5:30 p.m., the Commission took a route east on C Street, southeast on Virginia Avenue, north on 18th Street, southeast on Massachusetts Avenue, south on 16th Street, east on H Street, south on 14th Street to the Jefferson Memorial parking lot. From the Jefferson Memorial the Commission proceeded west through West Potomac Park to the Lincoln Memorial and from there east on Independence Avenue to 15th Street and north on 15th Street, and west on Constitution Avenue, then north on 22nd Street to the National Academy of Sciences Building again at 6:30 p.m.

The Commission noted that the Civil Service Building was far too brightly illuminated and had never been before the Commission for advice. G.S.A. had apparently installed the illumination recently. The Staff was instructed to investigate. The Commission noted the White House from a distance was very well lit with respect to color and intensity. They observed some improvement to the Federal Triangle, particularly in the turning off of some attic lights.

The Commission observed the Washington Monument lights and found no objection to the shadows cast on the Monument by the perimeter flags. They did suggest that lighting all of the flags uniformly would be desirable.

When arriving at the Jefferson Memorial, the Commission found incomplete illumination consisting of alternating blue and white lights on the base, no light on the columns or dome, and yellow light inside the Memorial. The effect was disastrous and the Commission suggested that the Staff report to the Park Service.

While examining the Lincoln Memorial lighting the Commission found the attic too bright and suggested efforts should be made to even off spottiness. The Commission concluded their tour by seeing once again the very brightly illuminated Civil Service Commission Building and perhaps overlighted State Department Building.

At the tour's completion, the Commission had a consensus that its previous advice had not been totally carried out and that much bad lighting was being done, while there appeared to be little or no coordination between the several agencies involved. The Commission instructed the Staff to

investigate the various situations and prepare a report, and if possible to arrange a coordination session between the Commission and the involved agencies.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'C. H. Atherton', with a large, stylized initial 'C' and a long, sweeping horizontal stroke at the end.

Charles H. Atherton
Secretary

REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN ON OLD GEORGETOWN ACT 1 December 1972

<u>NO.</u>	<u>ADDRESS AND OWNER</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>
34	3214 O Street, N.W. C.S. Fehr & N.I. Robertson	Addition of a sign.
ACTION:	Do not issue permit. Recommend simpler profile, hanging sign over door. No objection to style of lettering. 11-2-72	
35	1518 28th Street, N.W. Mr/Mrs Arthur M. Sullivan	Change window to door.
ACTION:	Issue permit. 11-2-72	
36	1355 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W. Glen Samet	Canvas awning over door and window.
ACTION:	Issue permit for awning from bottom of fascia trim above transom - as done for shop next door to the right. 11-2-72	
37	3260 K Street, N.W. District of Columbia	Demolition of all improvements for Potomac River Freeway, Fed. Aid Proj. I-266-2(2)0.
ACTION:	Issue permit. Confirming CFA previous action. 11-2-72	
38	2909 M Street, N.W. Michael Channell	Install canvas awning 4'11" projection on first floor front.
ACTION:	Issue permit. 11-2-72	
39	2934 M Street, N.W. Murray Horowitz	Replacement of 7-prime windows.
ACTION:	Do not issue permit. Character of proposed sash not recommended. Suggest repair of existing sash or replacement with sash design identical to existing, identical in overall size, material, muntin thickness, etc. 11-2-72	
40	3212 M Street, N.W. District of Columbia	Sign above center bay.
ACTION:	Issue permit. 11-2-72	
41	2833 M Street, N.W. Serafim Altaris	Remove two overhead doors and supplement with picture windows.
ACTION:	Do not issue permit. Inadequate information has been submitted to determine what effect the proposed remodeling would have on the adjacent area. Exact milwork details, profiles, and sections are requested. Development and use of site should be indicated, including paving, landscaping, lights, etc 11-2-72	

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NO.	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
42	3325 N Street, N.W. Mr/Mrs Steven J. Guttman	Cover existing stone steps with brick to match existing residence.
ACTION:	Do not issue permit. Proposed stairway not in character with house.	11-2-72
43	1241 Wisconsin Avenue Richard Hinden (the Bootery)	Erect unlighted sign.
ACTION:	Do not issue permit. Recommend further study, perhaps combining sign and awning revision. Suggest investigation of hanging sign perpendicular to building.	11-2-72
44	1075 Thomas Jefferson Street, N.W. A.L. Wheeler	Canvas awning over door.
ACTION:	Issue permit. Make profile of canopy to same curve as exists above door.	11-2-72
45	1523 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W. Rose Raynor Beauty Salon	One non-illuminated sign.
ACTION:	Do not issue permit. Style of letters out of character with Georgetown. Suggest simplified perpendicular "Roman" style letters.	11-2-72
46	1239 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W. Ritz Towne Mart	One non-illuminated painted sign.
ACTION:	Do not issue permit. Metal sign not recommended. Suggest painted wood sign with vertical letters all of one size.	11-16-72
47	3607 M Street, N.W.	Replace plastic "Esso" oval with double-faced interior-lighted plexiglas "Exxon" display.
48	1545 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W.	
49	3327 M Street, N.W.	
50	2929 M Street, N.W.	
ACTION:	Issue permit.	11-16-72
51	3607 M Street, N.W. Humble Oil Company	Remove 54D neon letter display, install 100 square foot interior lighted plexiglas display.
ACTION:	Do not issue permit. Roof sign not recommended.	11-16-72

<u>NO.</u>	<u>ADDRESS AND OWNER</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>
52	1000 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W. Donald Stetson Davis	Repaint sign.
ACTION:	Do not issue permit. Recommend removal of existing sign. 11-29-72	
53	1000 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W. Donald Stetson Davis	Repaint sign.
ACTION:	Do not issue permit. Recommend removal of existing sign. 11-29-72	
54	1529 29th Street, N.W. Eleanor Israel	Construct concrete grade beam, fill rear yard; construct brick fence and swimming pool; alter rear house wall.
ACTION:	Issue permit. 11-20-72	
55	1419 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W. Eleanor Randolph	Remove one pair of doors inside foyer and replace with new doors and transom on outer side of foyer.
ACTION:	Issue permit. 11-16-72	
56	1532 33rd Street, N.W. Goerge Kuper	Remove and replace gate with painted board and batten gates; enlarge opening.
ACTION:	Do not issue permit. No objection to concept or increased opening in wall. Submit exact design drawings of gates, showing height of curves in relation to various wall heights, etc. 11-16-72	
58	3256 K Street, N.W. District of Columbia	Already approved demolition for the record only.
ACTION:	Issue permit. 11-16-72	
59	3214 O Street, N.W. N.I. Robertson	Addition of a sign.
ACTION:	Issue permit. 11-16-72	
60	2803 P Street, N.W. G. Bowdoin Craighill	Remove existing second floor porch.
ACTION:	Do not issue permit. No objection to removal of porch, but request exact information on wall to be exposed. 11-16-72	

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<u>NO.</u>	<u>ADDRESS AND OWNER</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>
61	3149 O Street, N.W. Reid A. Dunn	Erection of a new house.
ACTION:	Issue permit. 11-29-72	
62	1518 28th Street, N.W. A. Michael Sullivan	Change door to window.
ACTION:	Issue permit. 11-27-72	
63	2803 P Street, N.W. G. Bowdoin Craighill	Remove two-story open roofed-over screened porch on E. side of house. Repair tin roof on main house where porch removed. Point up and repair brick walls on main house where porch removed. Paint the walls on main house brick-red where porch is now. lay brick on first floor concrete slab which is now the first floor of the porch.
ACTION:	Do not issue permit. See previous action (O.G. 73-60). 11-29-72	
64	1532 33rd Street, N.W. George Kuper	Replace existing 3' wide by 6' high wood gate in existing brick fence wall with 12' wide by 6'6" high wood gate and enlarge opening in the wall.
ACTION:	Issue permit. 11-29-72	
66	1726 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W. Appalachia Inc. - Third Spring	One projecting sign made from 3/4" duraply, externally lighted.
ACTION:	Issue permit. 11-29-72	

January 3, 1973

Dear Mr. Murphy:

At its meeting on December 1, 1972, the Commission of Fine Arts decided to bring the matter of free standing double deck parking structures, or machines, to your attention as being both eyesores and apparently unregulated intrusions to the Nation's Capital. Specifically we refer to one such installation in Georgetown at 3026 H Street, N.W.

Upon receipt of numerous complaints from Georgetown Citizens, the Commission Staff contacted both the D.C. Permit Office and the Zoning Administrator asking why this parking structure was not submitted to the Commission of Fine Arts for permit review under provisions of the Old Georgetown Act, (Public Law 808-81st Congress - H.R. 7670, D.C. Code 5 - 301.64 Stat. 903). The response our Staff received from the District Government was that this series of parking racks were not classified as buildings and therefore were not subject to permit review. It was further reported that they were considered machines and did not come under the normal zoning use and density requirements - nor were they subject to review for public safety!

As advisors to the President and the District Government, the Commission of Fine Arts objects to this omission in control and seeks clarification by your office on it. These structures clearly run counter to the intent of the Old Georgetown Act which was designed to protect an area of Washington designated by Congress as an historic district.

Sincerely yours,

J. Carter Brown
Chairman

Mr. C. Francis Murphy, Corporation Counsel
District of Columbia Government
District Building, Room 329
14th and E Streets, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20004

Exhibit B.

REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN ON SHIPSTEAD-LUCE ACT 1 December 1972

NO.	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
SL 73-17	813 Market Space, N.W. National Permanent	Aluminum routed sign with silhouette lighted letters.
ACTION:	Issue permit. 10-24-72	
18	1516 Portal Drive, N.W. George T. Jordan	Erect one-car garage.
ACTION:	Issue permit. 10-31-72	
19	1115 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Home Federal Savings	Two signs similar to sign now at location.
ACTION:	Issue permit. 11-27-72	
20	2708 Virginia Avenue, N.W. Humble Oil Co.	Replace plastic "Esso" oval with double-faced, interior lighted plexiglas "Exxon" display.
ACTION:	Issue permit. 11-27-72	
21	2626 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Savage Fogarty Companies, Inc.	Office building - preliminary facade review. as per previous Commission recommendations.
ACTION:	Issue permit. Approved provided penthouse walls extended to make a symmetrical mass on north elevation. 11-16-72	
22	1349 E Street, N.W. Redskins Locker Room	New show window.
ACTION:	Issue permit. 11-16-72	
23	1349 E Street, N.W. Redskins Locker Room	New sign.
ACTION:	Do not issue permit. Size not to exceed 25 square feet. Recommend simple rectangular shape (uniform corners), omitting football helmet. The latter element might be incorporated 18 inches behind show window as a separate design. 11-16-72	
24	1709 New York Avenue, N.W. Emergency Hospital Associates	Brick fence wall with chain link fence attached.
ACTION:	Issue permit. 11-27-72	

REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN ON SHIPSTEAD-LUCE ACT

1 December 1972

<u>NO.</u>	<u>ADDRESS AND OWNER</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>
25	2958 Macomb Street, N.W. Joseph Wood	Enclose an existing porch and add a new open wood deck.
ACTION:	Issue permit. 11-20-72	
27	1349 E Street, N.W. Redskins Locker Room	New sign. (Letters raised, applied to store front face.)
ACTION:	Issue permit. 11-27-72	
28	1776 F Street, N.W. Braedon Company	Erect temporary real estate sign.
ACTION:	Issue permit. 11-27-72	

January 3, 1973

Dear Mrs. Brooks:

This will confirm our report to Mr. John Shaeffer's office on December 6 regarding the designs for the 175th Anniversary Constellation medal which the Commission reviewed on December 1.

The design for the obverse depicting the Brigate Constellation was approved. The reverse side leaves something to be desired, however. The eagle appears to have come out second best in an uneven competition, and the field around the figure is unnecessarily crowded by the ring of fifteen stars.

It is regrettable there was so little time available for the study of the medal. Our comments are made in the interest of serving the Government and the public with better design. As advisors to the President in all matters of design, we stand ready to be of any possible assistance, and know that the White House increasingly shares our concern for design quality. Our hope is that we shall not again have to be faced with a virtual fait accompli in this way.

Sincerely yours,

J. Carter Brown
Chairman

Mrs. Mary T. Brooks
Director
Bureau of the Mint
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D.C. 20220

Exhibit D.

January 3, 1973

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The Commission of Fine Arts, with its continuing charge of reviewing specific proposals and plans for Georgetown, has recently been requested by the District of Columbia Government for permit review on several projects proposed for the Georgetown Waterfront. We feel that all possible information we can get prior to completing such review will be in the public interest. Thus we would seek your assistance for our January 17, 1973 meeting in the form of having an N.C.P.C. Staff discussion on the urban design principles involved in the recently published Georgetown Planning Group report, GEORGETOWN WATERFRONT AREA STUDY.

In the past, Mr. Charles Conrad and Mr. Martin Rody have been kind enough to give the Commission of Fine Arts status reports on this very considerable effort by your Commission. Our members have been given copies of the report and will have had a chance to review them before the meeting. They are familiar with the general problems involved in this planning effort as well.

Due to the exacting legal restrictions on us, we find time of the essence in this matter, and thus put forth this rather formal request. We would hope that you could see your way clear to authorize either Mr. Conrad or another staff member to meet with us on the 17th.

Sincerely yours,

J. Carter Brown
Chairman

The Honorable
Ben Reifel
Chairman
National Capital Planning Commission
1325 G Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20576

Exhibit E.

January 3, 1973

Dear Col. Starobin:

In addition to considering the new morgue and jail at the Commission's meeting on December 1, we also had a chance to look at the brighter side of the District's construction program in the form of a new school and two recreation centers.

The designs for the Takoma Elementary School and the Recreation Center for Mentally Handicapped were both very well done, the latter exceptionally so.

The plan for the school achieves a thorough sense of openness without sacrificing the identity of individual classroom groupings required by the program. The Center has an excellent plan, and evidences first-rate design. The architect is to be commended for a first-rate job.

Unfortunately, the remaining project, the Parkview Center, at Princeton Place and Warder, N.W., was not up to the standards of the others and was disapproved. In fact it appeared that little time had been spent in studying the basic requirements. Sizes and shapes of spaces seemed cramped to the point of being unworkable, and the architectural character left a lot to be desired. A recreation center should say just that: open and inviting; relaxed and carefree - a simple building in a park setting, modest and unassuming. Certainly a better effort is needed.

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The Commission will be meeting next on January 17, and we would be happy to review any progress at that time. Meanwhile the staff is available to assist in any way it can.

Sincerely yours,

J. Carter Brown
Chairman

Lt. Col. Sam D. Starobin
Director
Department of General Services
District of Columbia Government
613 G Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

January 3, 1973

Dear Col. Starobin:

At its meeting on December 1, 1972, the Commission of Fine Arts held off taking final action on two Department of General Services projects, The Morgue and the New Jail Landscaping. This was done in the belief that site planning for these two projects was difficult if not impossible without a comprehensive master plan for the D.C. General Hospital area. These projects and others in the complex are highly visible and important facilities for the City. Getting the best possible use out of this valuable space will never be possible with piecemeal development.

As advisors to the President and the District Government, we would urge you to put forth whatever effort is necessary to obtain funds for this master plan. At a time when as critical a project as the new jail is under way, we would offer our assistance in any way possible.

Sincerely yours,

J. Carter Brown
Chairman

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January 3, 1973

Dear Mr. Mahan:

This is to reaffirm the Commission's December 1st disapproval of the Barracks design for Walter Reed Hospital. Though the site, general deployment, and concept for the building are not objectionable, the Commission would like to make the following suggestions for restudy: eliminate the triangular service club protruberance, eliminate the long spine-like columns at the Male Barracks end, eliminate or conceal the service entrance as shown in relation to the old hospital. Aside from these points a restudy of the windows to take better advantage of the views from the individual rooms would be good as would tying the massing closer to the hill and elimination of the concrete spandrel panels.

The Commission's next meeting will be on January 17, 1973. We would be glad to review your progress at that time.

Sincerely yours,

J. Carter Brown
Chairman

Mr. T. J. Mahan
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Baltimore District
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Exhibit H.

January 3, 1978

Dear Mr. Beller:

This will confirm the Commission of Fine Arts' approval of the revised designs for the Administration building at Arlington Cemetery.

This action is based on our understanding that the loop parking road surrounding the building will be omitted on the west side toward the visitor entrance. Plans for a staging area for funeral services will be worked out separately.

We will be interested in reviewing those plans at the appropriate time, as well as samples of the stone to be used on the Administration Building.

Sincerely yours,

J. Carter Brown
Chairman

Mr. B. R. Beller
Army Corps of Engineers
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January 3, 1973

Dear Mr. Beller:

Just a note to confirm the Commission's action on December 1 regarding the Audie Murphy grave.

I am sure you understand our long-standing opposition to the erection of individual memorials in the military burial areas of Arlington Cemetery. It is a policy that has proven itself well over the years, contributing a sense of order and dignity that has resulted in a landscape of unique beauty. For this reason the proposed monument was disapproved.

On the positive side, the Commission would like to suggest the possibility of a suitable display in the Trophy Room of the Memorial Amphitheater.

If there is a favorable reaction to this idea, the Commission would be happy to work with you in developing it.

Sincerely yours,

J. Carter Brown
Chairman

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Exhibit J.

January 4, 1970

Dear Jim:

As I promised on the telephone, here is a clipping about the Embassy Gulf Station at 22nd and P Street, N.W.

At the last meeting of the Commission of Fine Arts, the Commission approved the office building plans, but indicated their hope that the question of the gas station itself be explored with the Gulf Oil Corporation.

With best thanks for all your sympathetic help,

As ever,

J. Carter Brown
Director

Mr. James M. Walton
President
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Enclosure : *Post article 12.1.1.1* *Living for 1000*

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January 3, 1975

Dear Mr. Hart:

Your letter proposing that the Federal Government have its own Bicentennial Logo certainly raises a question in my mind. Why, when we already have an exceptionally good design for the Bicentennial Commission, do we have to go out and get another?

Since the chances of getting another design with anything approaching the excellence of the present logo are remote at best, wouldn't it make more sense to adopt a symbol of proven quality and acceptability and merely confine the changes to the identifying lettering around the symbol?

I would hope that if no submission in your competition comes up to standard, that the idea be dropped.

Please let us know if there is any way in which we can be of help.

Sincerely yours,

J. Carter Brown
Chairman

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